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NOTE BY THE SECRETARIES

to the

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

on

RELIEF OF NAVAL FORCES ASSIGNED TO USCINCEUR (U)

1. The enclosed memorandum by the J-3, dated 27 March 1959, together with its Appendix, is submitted herewith to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for their consideration.
2. A telephone vote is requested by 1600, 27 March 1959.

H. L. HILLYARD,
J. O. COBB,
Joint Secretariat.

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E N C L O S U R EMEMORANDUM BY THE J-3for the
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

on

RELIEF OF NAVAL FORCES ASSIGNED TO USCINCEUR (U)

References: a. CINCLANT msg 1043 DTG 201825Z
b. J.C.B. msg 956632 DTG 201835Z - 9107 DELLIN/21087
c. USCINCEUR msg EC 9-10506 DTG 250816Z - 7 ATT'D
d. CNO msg 22334 DTG 251629Z

27 March 1959

1. Problem - To reply to the recommendation by USCINCEUR
that CINCLANT provide naval Mediterranean relief and augmentation
in early May. 1
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2. Information - By reference b the Joint Chiefs of Staff
directed USCINCEUR to "be prepared to maintain maximum practicable
number of Sixth Fleet units at sea when directed". 4
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CINCLANT by reference a advised USCINCEUR that it was
acceptable to delay the MACON (CLG) outchop to permit Central
Med relief with the CANBERRA (CLG). By reference c USCINCEUR
(a) requested that CINCLANT provide one additional black oil
fleet tanker (AO), one repair ship (AR) and one fleet tug (ATF) 10
as Med augmentation to arrive early May, and (b) recommended 11
that CINCLANT deploy the CANBERRA to the Med in time to permit
relief of the MACON at Suda Bay, Crete (Eastern Med) on 12
17 - 18 May and accept corollary delay the MACON outchop 13
until 23 May. By reference d CNO directed CINCLANT/FIT to 14
sail one black oil fleet tanker (AO) early May to augment 15
the Sixth Fleet, and deferred for the present a decision 16
regarding the one repair ship (AR) and one fleet tug (ATF). 17
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3. Discussion - The control of logistic support ships
remains under the CNO; therefore additional logistic support
augmentation is a responsibility of CNO commensurate with
his capabilities on a world wide basis. 20
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Since the MACON has other commitments, such as preparation 1
for participation in the opening ceremonies of the St. 2
Lawrence Seaway, 22 May is the last day she can outshop and 3
still meet these commitments. In order to change operational 4
schedules, it is considered imperative that the draft message 5
in the Appendix hereto, be dispatched as soon as possible. 6

4. Recommended action - Approve the draft message to 7
USCINCEUR - CINCLANT in the Appendix hereto, and dispatch 8
by 1600 hours, 27 March 1959. 9

APPENDIXDRAFT

TO: USCINCEUR
CINCLANT

INFO: CINCNELM

FROM: JCS

REFERENCES: a. CINCLANT msg 1043 DTG 201825Z
b. J.C.S. msg 956632 DTG 201835Z
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1. The logistic support ships mentioned in subparagraph 1
la of reference c are under the CNO. In reference d CNO 2
has directed CINCLANTFLT to augment the Sixth Fleet. 3

2. Approval is granted to delay the MACON providing out- 4
chop is accomplished no later than 22 May in order to permit 5
the MACON to meet other commitments. The point of relief 6
of the MACON will be as mutually agreed between commanders 7
concerned. 8

3. Future minor modifications similar to that contained 9
in paragraph 2 of reference c may be implemented by mutual 10
agreement between commanders concerned, keeping the Joint 11
Chiefs of Staff informed. 12

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to the

HOLDERS OF J.C.S. 1259/466

(Relief of Naval Forces Assigned to USCINCEUR (U))

CORRIGENDUM

1. Holders of J.C.S. 1259/466 are requested to substitute the attached corrected Decision On page and revised page 2912, incorporating amendments made thereto by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on 27 March 1959 but inadvertently omitted when the Decision On was written, and to destroy the superseded pages by burning.
2. This page may be downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED when the attachment has been removed.

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DECISION ON J.C.S. 1259/466

A Note by the Secretaries

on

RELIEF OF NAVAL FORCES ASSIGNED TO USCINCEUR (u)

Note by the Secretaries

1. On 27 March 1959, after making amendments the, Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the recommendation in paragraph 4 of the Enclosure to J.C.S. 1259/466.
2. Holders are requested to substitute the attached revised pages 2911 and 2912 incorporating the amendments, and to destroy the superseded pages by burning.
3. The message in the Appendix was dispatched as JCS 957129, dated 27 March 1959, to USCINCEUR and CINCLANT.
4. This decision now becomes a part of and shall be attached as the top sheet of J.C.S. 1259/466.

H. L. HILLYARD,
J. O. COBB,
Joint Secretariat.

